THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 envisages establishment of a National Apex Body for bringing about greater coordination and integration in the planning and development of the higher education system, including research. Accordingly it was proposed to establish a National Council of Higher Education by a Govt. resolution, but the Planning Commission and Chairman, UGC expressed reservations about certain aspects of the proposal.

The Ramamurti Committee, which reviewed the National Policy on Education 1986, while recognising the need for greater coordination in higher education was of the view that the creation of a two—tier coordination mechanism consisting of a Committee of Ministers and a Committee of Secretaries would suffice. As such it has not been possible to agree on a mechanism for establishment of a National apex body for higher education.

[*Translation*]

UGC Grant to Kumaun University

3138. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant provided to Kumaun University by the University Grants Commission on the recommendation of the Sports Authority of India for providing sports facilities during 1990—91;

(b) the number of students of this university offered scholarships offered scholarships from this Grant during 1990—91; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission has not received any proposal for development of sports facilities in the University either from the Kumaun University or through the Sports Authority of India.

(b) and (c). UGC provides assistance to Universities for implementation of the Scheme of Junior Research Fellowships. The fellowships are awarded to those candidates who have qualified in the National Test conducted by UGC/CSIR for the purpose. Each University is allotted a fixed quota of fellowships. Besides, supernumerary fellowships are also provided to the Universities for adjusting surplus candidates who have qualified in the national test for that year.

According to the information furnished by UGC, against a quota of 25 positions allotted to Kumaun University by the Commission, the University awarded 12 Junior Research Fellowships for the year 1989—90. Information regarding Fellows working in the University in 1990-91 has not yet been received by UGC from the University. However, to avoid hardship to the Fellows, the Commission has sanctioned an 'on account' grant of Rs. 9.00 lakhs for the year 1990—91.

[*English*]

Sports Talent In Rural Children

3139. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:
SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAOVADDE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of rural games organised at national level during the last three years;